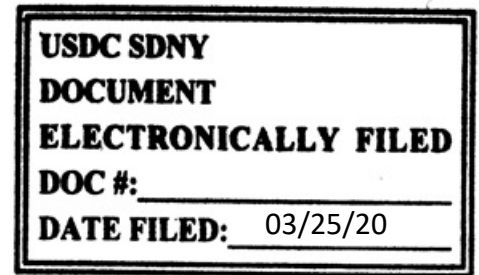


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.



V.  
  
SMITH

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**NOTICE REGARDING TELEPHONIC SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

1. As a means to increase efficiencies and improve the quality of the telephonic settlement conference scheduled for Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the parties shall be required to use the services of CourtSolutions LLC ("**CourtSolutions**").
2. CourtSolutions is a service only and does not set or schedule hearings for the Court.
3. All persons who are participating by telephone in the conference must arrange their appearance by visiting the CourtSolutions website at [www.CourtSolutions.com](http://www.CourtSolutions.com) (the "**Website**"). Participants will be required to create an account and schedule appearances for hearings already scheduled by the Court through the Website.
4. On the Website, the participant must submit a request to appear telephonically at the scheduled conference. Through the CourtSolutions system, the Court will approve or deny each request. All requests must be submitted through the Website, and calls should not be placed to Chambers with such requests.
5. If the Court approves your request, you will receive an email from CourtSolutions with your approval and the dial in information. **Only the parties and their counsel will be permitted to appear at telephonic settlement conferences. (Press may appear in listen only mode at any public proceeding.)**
6. You should dial in for the conference no less than 5 minutes prior to your scheduled appearance time.
7. As part of its service, CourtSolutions offers all participants for the hearing with access to the Hearing Dashboard through the Website, which provides a visual representation of the participants on the call, real-time information about who is speaking, the ability to "raise your hand" to be recognized by the Court and means for the Court to control the conduct of the hearing.

8. The use of cellular phones, speakerphones or phones in public places is prohibited.

9. CourtSolutions is an independent service provider. By using CourtSolutions' services, users are entering into a service agreement with CourtSolutions pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth on the Website and shall be solely responsible for any costs or other expenses incurred for those services provided. Under no circumstance shall the Court bear any costs for the telephonic appearance of any party or attorney.

New York, New York  
March 25, 2020



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE